

One World, Many Stories: Craft Ideas

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Instruments

- Music is a universal language
 - Every culture utilizes music
- Organized by type
 - Shakers
 - Membranophones and Idiophones
 - Other



Maracas



Yogurt cup, Beans or rice, plastic wrap, rubber band, lunch bag, tape, markers

1. Place beans in cup, cover top with plastic wrap, secure with rubber band.
2. Place lunch bag over cup, twist extra portion of bag into a handle and wrap with tape to hold.
3. Decorate maracas with markers.

Plastic Cup Shaker



Two clear plastic cups, electrical tape, beans

1. Place beans in one cup, place second cup on top, drinking edges matched.
2. Tape the two cups together.
3. Use additional tape as desired to decorate the cup.

Didgeridoo



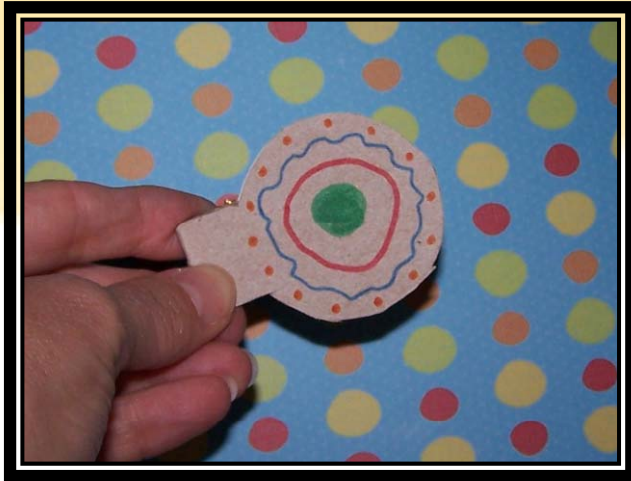
Paper towel tube, white paint, pencils (optional), ideas of animals in Australia, geometric shapes

1. Optional: draw designs on paper tube.
2. Paint designs on paper tube, leaving space between for dots.
3. Using the tip of a paintbrush, place dots in circular fashion around each design until space between designs is filled with dots.

Rain Stick

1. Paper tubes have a spiral seam. Use a marker to draw dots about half an inch apart, all the way down the spiral seam of the tube.
2. Poke a nail all the way in at each dot. (Make sure the nails don't poke through the other side of the tube.) You'll need about 30 nails for each paper towel tube.
3. Wrap tape around the tube to hold the nails in place.
4. Cut two circles of paper just a little bigger than the ends of the tube. Tape one of the circles over one end of the tube. Cover the circle with tape so the whole end of the tube is sealed shut.
5. Put a handful of rice or beans into the open end of the tube. Cover the open end with your hand, and turn the tube over. Add more rice or beans until you like the sound. (Beans will make a harder sound, and rice will make a softer sound.)
6. Put the second circle of paper over the open end of the tube, and seal that end shut with tape.
7. Your rain stick is complete. Turn it over and listen to the rain.

Castanets



Cereal boxboard, large buttons, tacky glue, markers or stickers, 1 ½" circle template, elastic thread (optional)

1. Fold a piece of cardboard in half. Trace a circle about ½" above the fold. Draw two lines from the circle to the fold about ¾" apart. Cut out.
2. Decorate the blank side with markers, or adhere stickers.
3. Glue one button to each half on the inside (printed side) in the center of the circle area. Let dry.
4. Cut a 6" length of elastic thread and tie around the fold, leaving enough room for the elastic thread circle to fit loosely over the middle finger. Knot securely and trim ends.



Paper

- Paper crafts are:
 - Economical,
often easy to do
- Choosing the right paper can make or break a craft
- Organized by:
 - Origami
 - Paper plates
 - Tubes



Origami and other paper crafts

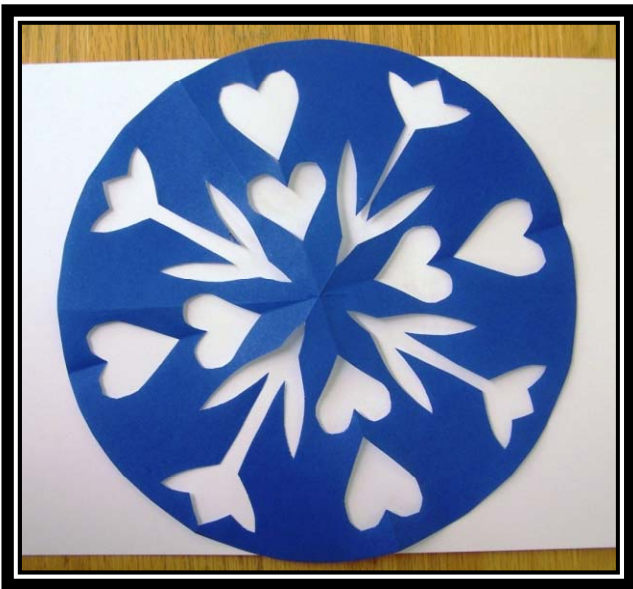
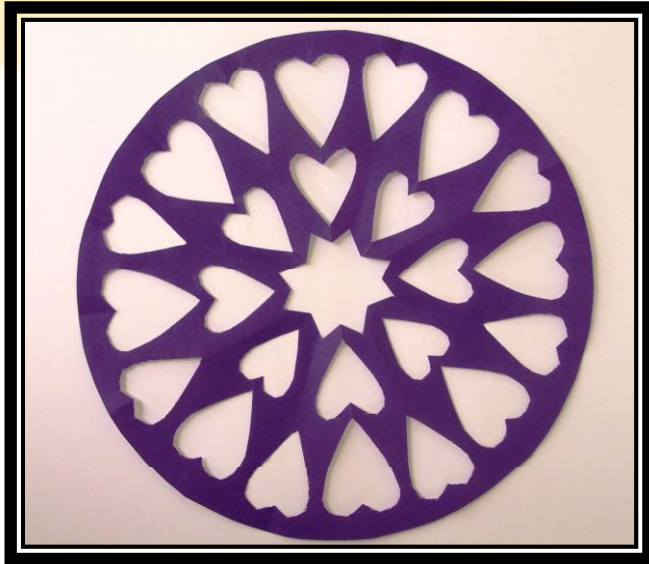
- Origami-Japanese folk art of folding paper into shapes
- Origami purists would not allow scissor cuts or glue, but apparently their use is generally accepted in Japan nowadays
- Tip: Utilize YouTube videos to assist in guiding kids through creating origami shapes
- Jumping Frog

Accordion Fan



- Fans are used in many parts of the world; this is a simple version of one Asian fan.
1. Fold paper in half (hamburger fold). Unfold, place in portrait orientation.
 2. Draw picture on top half .Turn paper 180 degrees and draw complementary picture (this will be second half of picture on fan).
 3. Place in landscape orientation. Accordion fold in about $\frac{1}{2}$ " pleats. Fold pleated paper in half and glue or tape edges together.
 4. Tie ribbon 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " up from bottom of fan.

Wycinanki (vee-chee-nan-kee) and Scherenschnitte (scissor cuts)



- Cut paper decorations are used in many areas of the world. Wycinanki is from Poland and Scherenschnitte is from Germany.
 - Colored paper, scissors
1. Create circles from the paper.
 2. Fold circle in half 3 times.
 3. For the hearts, cut half hearts on both of the folded sides.
 4. For the hearts and tulips, cut half hearts on one folded side, a half tulip, half stem, and one leaf on the other folded side.
 5. Carefully open the circles and flatten folds.
 6. Circles can be glued down onto contrasting colored paper.

Paper Lantern I

- 12" x 18" construction paper, markers, scissors, stapler or glue stick, hole punch, string or yarn
1. Decorate paper.
 2. Fold in half (hot dog fold). Fold 1" wide section on each long edge so right sides are together. Unfold the two 1" sections, leaving the paper folded in half.
 3. Make cuts about 1" apart from fold to bottom, stopping cuts at the 1" section foldlines.
 4. Open paper, roll into cylinder, glue or staple together at top and bottom, overlapping edges about 1".
 5. Punch 4 holes equidistant in top edge of cylinder. Cut four pieces of string. Attach one piece in each hole, tie all ends together.



God's Eye (Ojo de Dios)



two popsicle sticks, yarn in different colors, scissors, glue

Directions:

glue the sticks together in the shape of a cross and let dry
(this isn't necessary, but makes it easier for the kids to do the rest).

always going in the same order around the sticks (you can mark the popsicle sticks with 1, 2, 3, 4 ... the numbers will be covered up in the end, but may make it easier for the kids to keep track of what they're doing).

wrap the wool once around 1, once around 2, once around 3, once around 4.

continue on... once around 1, once around 2, etc until you're happy with the first layer of the eye.

Snip the first color of yarn and tie on a second color. Continue on with the second color and then a third, fourth and fifth as desired.

Penguin



- There are no penguins in the Arctic! (Biggest misconception about penguins, apparently.) These are models of the Adelie penguins.
1. Cover toilet tissue tube with 4-5 layers of tissue paper cut longer than the tube. Tuck the tissue paper into each end so it lies smoothly on tube.
 2. Using a picture of an adelic penguin, paint the sides and back black. I used acrylic paint because it dries fast.
 3. While paint dries, cut a 2" wide strip of black construction paper, roll into a cylinder and tape closed. Cut out wings, a tail and a beak from black construction paper. Cut out feet from orange paper.
 4. Glue black roll onto top of tube for head, glue on wiggly eyes and beak. Glue on arms, tail and feet. (I forgot the feet!)

Loch Ness Monster



The monster of legend swims Loch Ness in this paper plate craft.

Paper plate, blue paint, brush, popsicle stick, green paper, black marker, tape

1. Paint underside of plate blue and let dry.
2. Draw monster on green paper and cut out.
3. Tape popsicle stick on bottom of monster.
4. Fold paper plate in half, cut a slit in center of fold about 2" long.
5. Insert stick through slit, staple edges a couple times on each side of plate to hold together.
6. Slide stick back and forth and watch the monster swim.

Pysanky Eggs



These paper plate eggs are a simple way to evoke the beauty of the pysanky eggs made in the Ukraine.

Paper plate, crayons, black acrylic paint, brush, pointed stick or unbent paper clip, scissors

1. Draw an egg shape on a small paper plate (I actually used card stock).
2. Using heavy crayoning, cover the egg with splotches of color.
3. Paint over with black acrylic paint. Let dry.
4. Use the pointed stick or a paper clip with one section unbent to draw designs by scraping off the paint so the color shows through.

For older kids you could have some traditional Ukrainian folk motifs available.

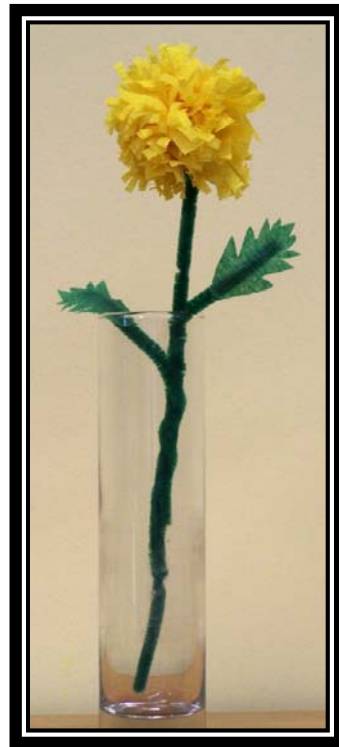
FYI: Pysanky is plural for pysanka



Mexican Marigolds

Materials needed for each flower:

Crepe paper streamer (4 ft. long)
2 ½" cardboard for measuring
crepe paper piece in green-4" long
2 green chenille stems, one cut in
half
scissors
tacky glue



Directions:

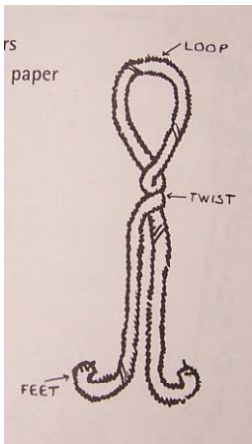
1. Fold the green paper in half. Cut out a leaf shape about 1 ½" long, making sure the leaf is not on the fold. This creates two leaves.
2. Glue one leaf onto a short chenille stem. Repeat. Let dry while you make flower.
3. Unfurl the long streamer. Wrap the streamer around the cardboard so you have 2 ½" long pieces when you cut through the folds at each end while holding the bundle in the center. Don't let go of the bundle!
4. Snip from the ends you just cut to the center, leaving at least ¼" uncut in the center.
5. Pinch the bundle together in the middle, twist one end of the long chenille stem around the center of the paper.
6. Fluff the paper to form a rounded blossom. You might need to individually separate the petals to fluff well.
7. Wrap the leaf stems round the main stem, bending the leaves to appear more natural.

Worry Dolls

Central America-tradition of the worry doll says to tell the doll your worries, put it under your pillow, and in the morning your worries will be gone.

1 ½ chenille stems for body, paper scrap for face, yarn for hair, fabric for clothing, fine tip markers, tacky glue

1. Form a loop for the head in the middle of the long chenille stem and twist stem a couple of times to set loop. Turn up the ends for feet.
2. Twist the half stem around the full stem under the loop to create arms. Turn up the ends for hands.
3. Create and glue on a paper face and yarn hair.
4. Wrap strips of cloth around doll or otherwise creatively attire it.



Windmill



Originally found in much of Europe, now an icon of the Netherlands.

Oatmeal canister, cardstock, markers, construction paper, brad, tape or glue

1. Cover canister with paper, glue or tape to secure.
2. Cut two strips of cardstock 2" x 11 ½". Draw on vane markers with markers.
3. Draw on door and windows.
4. Make hole in canister for brad to go through. Pop brad through center of each vane and canister and secure.

Leis

Each Hawaiian island has a preferred flower for their leis, though plumeria and orchids are both popular throughout Hawaii. Leis can also be made of leaves, shells, fish bones and other materials.

Construction paper, large diameter straws or tube pasta, yarn, tape, hole punch

1. Draw and cut out flowers from the construction paper. (Could use a flower punch ahead of time.)
2. Punch holes in the centers of the flowers.
3. Tape one end of a 3' piece of yarn.
4. Alternate inserting the taped end of the yarn through flowers and pasta or straw pieces until the lei is long enough.
5. Tie off in a bow, trim ends of yarn as necessary.

Note: the diameter of the straws or pasta must be larger than the diameter of the hole punch or your flowers will be in one pile on the lei!



Bilboquet



From France, the classic catch the ball in the cup game.

Cup, string or yarn-about a foot for the 3 oz. cup, bead

1. Poke a small hole in the bottom of the cup from the *outside* of the cup.
2. Poke the string through the hole from the *outside* and tie a knot large enough that it doesn't go back through the hole.
3. Tie a bead on the other end of the sting, knotting securely.
4. Try to move the cup so you can catch the bead in the cup.